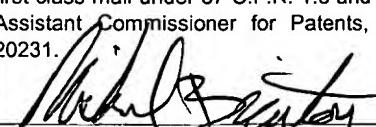


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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCT SALE AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL		
<p><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is: Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (5 pp.); PTO Form-1449 (3 pp.), and references cited therein (31); and Return Receipt Postcard.</p> <p>RECEIVED APR 12 2002 Technology Center 2100</p> <p>in the above identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-0271 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p> <p> Signature</p> <p>Dated: September 25, 2001</p> <p>Dean P. Alderucci Attorney for Applicants PTO Registration No. 40,484 (203) 461-7337/phone (203) 461-7300/fax</p> <p>Customer No. 22927</p> <p>Alderucci@walkerdigital.com CC:</p> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited September 25, 2001 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence Michael D. Brinton Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p>		



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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 and to independently ascertain their teaching.

1. [] Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the pending U.S. patent applications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application. Applicants would be pleased to provide the Examiner with a copy of these applications upon request.
2. [] For each of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a European Search Report from a counterpart European application is enclosed. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): _____
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 - a. one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below; and
 - b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.
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[] The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.

9. [] I hereby certify:

[] that each item of information contained in the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of such communication is enclosed.

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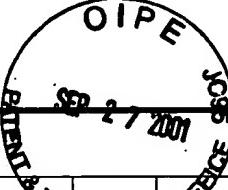
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